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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Roby et al. Examiner: J.K. Michener

Serial No.: 09/964,901 Group Art Unit: 1762

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For: **SILICONIZED SURGICAL NEEDLES  
AND METHODS FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE**

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth on page 2 of this paper.

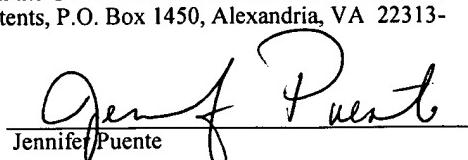
Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

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